



# Post Script

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## From the Desk of the Commander

We had an exciting summer at Post 176 which included the Department and National Conventions.

Lots of our Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders attended these events. Seven of our Riders participated in the first ever Virginia State Legacy Run and helped raise almost \$35,000 for scholarships for children of disabled and / or Veterans killed in combat. In September, we look forward to the S.A.L.'s 2nd Annual Pig Roast and the Rider's hosting the Virginia State Rally. Tailgates for the Redskins games start in September. Come out and enjoy all-you-can-eat pot-luck for \$8 when the Redskins play on a Sunday.

For God and Country, Dennis Madtes, Post Commander

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## Site Picture

2019 renewals are in full swing, You are receiving reminders in the mail and by email. JUST DO IT! Renew today and your membership will extend all the way to December 31, 2019. No need to wait until the end of the calendar year to get it done. Everyone who renews early will be invited to an "Early Bird Dinner" at Post 176 on October 5, 2018.

The EASIEST way in the world to renew your membership and keep current is available online. All you need is your membership number and your last name. Go to [www.legion/renew.org](http://www.legion/renew.org) and renew. This is actually the best way to renew as it is automated and you do not have to put a letter in the mail or write a check.

For God and Country, Bob Eidsvoog, 1st Vice Commander

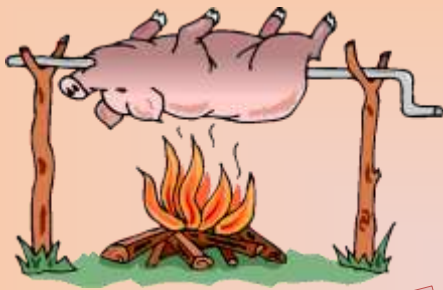
## Important Dates

2 Sep	Japan Surrenders
3 Sep	Labor Day
11 Sep	Patriot Day
17 Sep	Citizenship Day
21 Sep	POW/MIA Recognition Day
8 Oct	Columbus Day
23 Oct	Beirut Bombing 1983
25 Oct	Grenada Invasion 1983

## What's New

You may not be aware but Post 176 publishes a weekly email newsletter. This newsletter will keep you up to date on "WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE POST." If you are not getting the newsletter, it means we don't have your email address. To get on the emailing list, please go to the web page at <http://post176.org/> and click on the subscribe box and fill out the form. In the Organization Box, put in Legionnaire, S.A.L., Auxiliary, or Friend. Then click on SUBSCRIBE.

**SUBSCRIBE to Post 176 E-News**



# 2nd Annual Sons of The American Legion Pig Roast

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Public Welcome

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8th Annual ALR VA Rally

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Saturday SEPT 22<sup>nd</sup>

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5:30—7:30 PM

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Tickets  
\$20 until Aug 22  
\$25 afterwards

American Legion Post 176 6520 Amherst Ave  
Springfield, VA 22150

Tickets available at the Post or online at our Facebook page.

[www.facebook.com/Squadron176](http://www.facebook.com/Squadron176)



## Sons of The American Legion

Since the new Legion year has started, I highly encourage everyone to pay their dues early for the 2018-2019 year. Please mail your renewals to: American Legion Post 176, S.A.L. Membership, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, VA 22150.

Did you know that Seventeenth District Sons of The American Legion is being revitalized? This is no small feat and I would like to give a shout out to Detachment Vice Commander Victor Graulau for all the time and energy he has invested as well as to everyone else who made it possible. Our district is the only one throughout the Commonwealth that has a Sons district so it is something to be proud about.

Tyler Vanice and Marty Pfeifer were appointed as officers to help spearhead the start of the reformed Sons Seventeenth District. Tyler is the District S.A.L. Commander and Marty as the Finance Officer. In addition, Tyler was asked to be the Chairman of the Children and Youth Committee for the Detachment of Virginia. Your officers like to be busy!

Mark your calendars as the Sons 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pig Roast is around the corner! The pig roast is set for September 22, 2018 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and we are expecting a large attendance so arrive early! Your family can enjoy all-you-can-eat with live entertainment. Early Bird tickets are \$20.00 per person until August 22, 2018, otherwise tickets are \$25.00.

You can purchase tickets online at our Facebook page [www.facebook.com./squadron176](http://www.facebook.com./squadron176) or at the post. Walk-ins are encouraged but we would appreciate preregistering.

Hope to see many of you attend!

For God and Country, Tyler Vanice Seventeenth District S.A.L. Commander,  
Chairman of Children and Youth Committee Detachment of Virginia

Tyler Vanice	Commander	William Wolfe	Finance Officer
Marty Pfeifer	1st Vice Commander	William Wolfe	Chaplain
Michael Wolfe	2nd Vice Commander	Chuck Seward	Sergeant-at-Arms
Stuart Bailey	Adjutant	Kevin Campbell	Historian



# Red Cross Blood Drive



in Honor of Comrade Joe Finch

Tuesday, 9 October 2018

1:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

**Put in sponsor Code “AMERICANLEGION176VA” in the search box**

To talk to a live person, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (option 3). Tell the representative you want to donate at the American Legion in Springfield (sponsor code above) on **9 October 2018**.

**If you can't make an appointment, come anyway. There are always open spots.**

Post Contact: Theron Patrick (BloodDrive@post176.org). Scheduled Blood 2018 Drives:



## Post 176 American Legion Riders

Lets pray for Laura Wages to recover quickly and rejoin us at the post. Lets have 365 days without an incident as our goal for the next 12 months and have a successful and rewarding 8th Annual American Legion Riders VA Rally 21-23 Sep 2018. SEE YOU ALL THERE!  
For God and Country, Tammy Coon Director, American Legions Riders Post 176 Springfield



### Twist a Grip & Come on Up!!!



## 8th Annual American Legion Riders Virginia Rally 21-23 September 2018

Friday dinner  
And Saturday  
Dinner included

- Fellowship
- Food / drink
- Nightly Entertainment
- Camping
- Vendors
- 50/50
- Shuttle service free hotels

- Destination Rider
  - \* Capital Tours
  - \* War Memorials
  - \* Museums
  - \* **Maps for “do it yourself” sightseeing**



Hosted by  
Post 176 Legion Riders / American Legion Post 176  
6520 Amherst Avenue  
Springfield, Virginia 22150



For the most up to date information and to register go to: <https://post176.org/8th-annual-american-legion-riders-virginia-rally/>

## Post Officers & Event Managers 2017-2018

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We are already through half of 2018 and we have seen great changes to our Post home. We have a new floor in the Café and Banquet Hall. A new LED sign on the flag island has created greater visibility to our property and will pay dividends in information sharing for our events.

Membership in Post 176 is going well with over one third of our current members renewing in July. The Early-Bird dinner will be held on Friday 5 October 2018 at 5:30pm. The Chicken Parmesan dinner will be free for any member who has renewed prior to 1 October 2018. September 30, 2018 is the last day in order to be eligible for the free dinner. All are welcome to dine at the Early-Bird dinner but if you don't have a stamp on your card you will have to pay \$10.00 at the door. We are coming up on The American Legion (TAL) 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary making it very important that we encourage our members to renew early to show our support for the historical significance of TAL and all it has done for Veterans and their families. We have an additional incentive to renew early with the installation of the next National Commander, from Post 270 in Mclean, VA, Brett Reistad. Brett Reistad has been a member of Post 270 for many years as was his father. **You might see Brett wearing his father's Legion cap honoring his father's service and support for The American Legion.** Brett is a past National Legislative Committeeman, past Department of Virginia Commander, past 17<sup>th</sup> District Commander and retired Fairfax County Police Officer. Brett is an Army Veteran who served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> ID Old Guard at Ft Myer, VA. **So let's renew our membership early, achieve 100% membership at Post 176 and set the standard for the rest of Virginia to follow.** Achieving 100% membership is the least we can do to let everyone know that Virginia is proud of having Brett Reistad represent The American Legion as its next National Commander. For God and Country Bob Eidsvoog

Trophies For: Top 35, Best Paint, Best Engine, Best of Show, 50/50 Raffle and more.

Alcohol, Illegal Substances, Loud Music or Reckless behavior WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

### "100 Car Pile Up Car Show"

*9th Annual Prince William Cruisers  
All Proceeds Benefit Children  
with Disabilities*

**ALL VEHICLES WELCOME!**

Sunday 30 September 2018 (Rain Date 7 October 2018)

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Food outside Burgers/Hot Dogs etc. available from Post 176

Registration is open from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and costs

\$20.00 per car

Spectators \$3.00, children Under 2 free

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# Hours of

## Warrior Café

Breakfast & Lunch  
Monday - Saturday  
7:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Sunday  
8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Friday Night Dinner

## Tier-1 Lounge

Monday-Thursday  
11:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday - Saturday  
11:30 AM - 1:00 AM

Sunday



### Post 176 YOUTH in Education PROGRAMS



Boy Scouts	Troop 1344	Troop1344.org
Boys State	Marty Pfeifer	<a href="mailto:boysstate@post176.org">boysstate@post176.org</a>
Girls State	Floy Lipscom	Auxiliary
Baseball	Jon Taylor	<a href="mailto:financeofficer@post176.org">financeofficer@post176.org</a>
Sea Scout Ship 1176	Joel Davis	<a href="mailto:Jdavid515@aol.com">Jdavid515@aol.com</a>
Youth Cadet Law Enforcement	Jim Fisher	<a href="mailto:Webmaster@Post176.org">Webmaster@Post176.org</a>
Oratorical	Second Vice	SecondVice@post176.org
Civil Air Patrol	William T. Eliason	dc045.natcapwing.org/

### YOUTH AND FAMILY HELP

- ◆ Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO)  
7205 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA 22150  
703-565-7972  
<https://www.echo-inc.org/>  
ADMIN@ECHO-INC.ORG
- ◆ KOINONIA  
6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310  
703-971-1991  
<http://koinoniacares.org/>  
INFO@KOINONIACARES.ORG



US Department of Veterans Affairs Hot Line  
855-948-2311



Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS)  
Connects Virginia's veterans and their families to federal and state benefits, support, quality care, and recognition they have earned.

Springfield Benefit Office Service Area  
Pentagon, Henderson Hall-Fort Myers, Fort Belvoir, Arlington County, Alexandria-Fairfax Counties, Springfield-Franconia, Lorton, Loudoun, Fredericksburg and surrounding areas.

Hours of Operation  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
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Veterans seen 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

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# *Willkommen!*

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 176 Oktoberfest Dinner/Dance

Friday 19 October 2018

DINNER

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**"OKTOBERFEST MUSIC"**

6:30 pm to 8:30 PM

Presented By:

GMU Mason Music Productions

\$25.00

\$25.00

Door Prizes

50/50 Raffle

COMMUNITY WELCOME

BOYS STATE Post 176 sponsored 14 boys this year at a cost of \$460.00 per boy which included their bus transportation. James Martin and I were present at Fairfax Post 177 to help review the boy's paperwork before boarding the bus for Radford University on Fathers Day. Thanks to committee members James Martin and Mack Brooks for their assistance again this year.

Ft. Belvoir — Retiree Appreciation Day — 21 Sep 2018

8:00 AM — Spector Field House for registration and all the displays and light food

13:00 — Barden Education Center for guest speakers.

SPECTOR FIELD HOUSE

Did you get your membership card for 2019? If so, come to the Early Bird Dinner and treat yourself to dining in the elegant Banquet Hall with your fellow Legionnaires.

## EARLY BIRD DINNER

FRIDAY 5 October 2018

5:30 pm



# POST 176 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 2018 LEGION RIDERS MONTH

4	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Legion Riders Meeting General Membership Meeting
5	7:00 PM	Bridge
6	7:00 PM	Cribbage
8	8:00 AM	Ranger and Special Forces Breakfast
9	4:25 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Arizona Event Manager (EM) AL Legion Riders
11	7:00 PM	Sons of The American Legion Post 176 Meeting
13	7:00 PM	Cribbage
14	5:30—7:30 PM	Patriot Day Dinner
15	1:00 PM	CH 353 Military Order of The Purple Heart Meeting
16	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Indianapolis EM AL Sons
18	7:00 PM	EXCOM Meeting
19	7:00 PM	Bridge
20	7:00 PM	Cribbage
21	8:00 AM	Ft. Belvoir Retiree Day
21-23	ALL DAY	8th Annual Legion Riders Virginia Rally
22	5:30—7:30 PM	2nd Annual Sons of The American Legion Pig Roast
23	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Green Bay Packers EM Legion
25	7:00 PM	Centennial Planning Committee Meeting
27	7:00 PM	Cribbage
29	10:00 AM	Post 176 PR Planning and Programming Meeting
30	10:00 —2:00 PM	100 Car Pile Up Show Prince William Cruisers

## OCTOBER 2018 MEMBERSHIP MONTH

2	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Legion Riders Meeting General Membership Meeting
3	7:00 PM	Bridge
4	7:00 PM	Cribbage
5	5:30 PM	Early Bird Dinner
9	7:00 PM 1:30—7:30 PM	Sons of The American Legion Post 176 Meeting Blood Drive
11	7:00 PM	Cribbage
13	8:00 AM	Ranger and Special Forces Breakfast
14	1:00 PM	Redskins vs Carolina Event Manager (EM) Auxiliary
16	7:00 PM	EXCOM Meeting
17	7:00 PM	Bridge
18	10:00—2:00 PM	Job Zone Job Fair
19	6:00 PM	OKTOBERFEST
20	1:00 PM	CH 353 Military Order of The Purple Heart Meeting
21	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Dallas EM Riders
23	7:00 PM	Centennial Planning Committee Meeting
25	7:00 PM	Cribbage
26-28	ALL DAY	VA Fall Conference Double Tree Hotel Williamsburg VA
28	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs New York EM Sons of The American Legion

# PATRIOT DAY DINNER American Legion Post 176

Friday  
14 Sep 2018  
5:30 to 7:30 PM

## COMMUNITY WELCOME



2018 Virginia Legion  
Fall Conference  
October 26-28

[DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel](#)

[Williamsburg](#)

50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg,  
Virginia, 23185,  
[valegion.org/](http://valegion.org/)  
Upcoming Events



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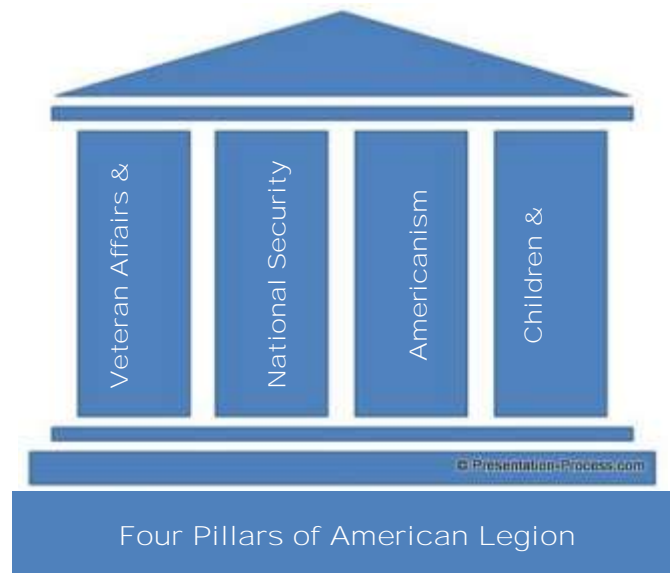


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